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# **S A P L**

## **THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND RECEPTION**

April 26, 2002 – 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library      Room 219-Media Center

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5:30 P.M. – Reception

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6:15 P.M. – Business Meeting

Welcome and remarks – President, Margaret Tappan

Remarks – Kathy Arsenault, Library Director

Report of Nomination Committee – Sally Poynter

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The committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2002-2003:

President	Betty Jean Miller
Vice-President	Sally Poynter
Secretary	Marlene Mock
Treasurer	Marci Jacobs
Historian/Advisor	Margaret Tappan

Election of Officers and New Board Members

Introductions

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6:30 P.M. – Program and Speaker

“St. Petersburg 1929 – The Film”

Premiere showing of a remarkable “home movie” of downtown St. Petersburg and the surrounding areas in 1929. Commentary and narration provided by Charles Kaniss, Superintendent of Elections for Pinellas County 1967-1989.

## ***ST. PETERSBURG 1929 – THE FILM***

The Poynter Library has received an original 16mm film of St. Petersburg, taken in 1929 on one of the original “movie cameras” produced by Kodak. The donor of this unusual gift was Phyllis Jordan of Denver, Colorado, whose father-in-law took the film while on a visit to St. Petersburg, shortly after the Vinoy Hotel opened. The film has been preserved for all these years, and is in amazingly good condition.

## ***BIOGRAPHY – CHARLES KANISS***

Charlie Kaniss came to St. Petersburg in 1925. As a child, he played along the same waterfront seen in this film. A St. Petersburg High School graduate, Charlie always wanted a career in public life, so after graduating from the University of Wisconsin, he came back to St. Petersburg to do just that.

Charlie divides his life into three parts:

- *Family* - Charlie and Margery, his wife of 57 years, raised five children.
- *Military career* - Charlie received many medals for service in World War II and retired from the National Guard as a brigadier general in 1972.
- *Civic service* – Charlie served as St. Petersburg's Vice-Mayor, former Superintendent of Elections for Pinellas County from 1967-1989, president of the St. Petersburg Merchants Association, chapter chairman of the American Red Cross, and president of the Kiwanis Club. Charlie is currently raising money for St. Petersburg High School, heading up the Green Devil Fund.